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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A disposable body fluid absorbent pad having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said pad further comprising:

a front region;
a rear region;
an intermediate region between said front region and said rear region;
a liquid-pervious topsheet;
a liquid-impervious backsheets;
a liquid-absorbent core between said liquid-pervious topsheet and said liquid-impervious backsheets;

said pad being contoured by longitudinally opposite end portions extending in said transverse direction outside longitudinal front and rear ends of said liquid-absorbent core and transversely opposite side edge portions extending in said longitudinal direction outside transversely opposite side edges of said liquid-absorbent core; and

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an insertion space means comprising a cover sheet which defines an insertion space between said cover sheet and a part of an outer surface of said liquid-impervious backsheet and at least one non-sealable opening to guide a wearer's hand into said insertion space, with at least a part of a periphery of said cover sheet joined onto an outer surface of said liquid-impervious backsheet.

Claim 2 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet is superposed over said front, intermediate and rear regions, at least over said intermediate region.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet extends at least over said intermediate region and said rear region and has a fixed end portion extending in said transverse direction along said longitudinally rear end portion of said pad, said insertion space defines a non-sealable pocket opening from said side of said front region toward a side of said rear region.

Claim 4 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein elastically stretchable members are attached to said front and rear regions and said intermediate region, at least to said intermediate region so as to extend in said longitudinal direction along said opposite side edge portions of said pad and to be contractible in said longitudinal direction.

Claims 5-10 (Canceled)

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Claim 11 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet is colored differently from said top- and backsheets.

Claim 12 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a predetermined indicator element thereon.